



ST. NEOTS
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1971

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF SAINT
NEOTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER
1971

To: The Chairman and Members of the St. Neots Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

Vital Statistics

Population. The estimated mid-year population rose by 650 during the year bringing the total for 1971 to 15,280. The rise is somewhat below the average increase in population - around the 900 mark - which has been occurring during the last 5 years.

Birth Rate. During the year 335 births were credited to the District; 52 more than in 1970. This gives a corrected birth rate of 17.1 per 1,000 population which is 2.0 per 1,000 more than last year and 1.1 per 1,000 above the national average (16.0).

There were 8 stillbirths compared with 3 the previous year.

Infant Mortality. As in 1970, 4 infants died during the year before reaching the age of 12 months, giving an infant mortality rate of 12 per 1,000 live births, compared with 18 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.

Deaths. 119 residents of the District died during the year compared with 124 in 1970. This gives a local adjusted death rate of 11.3 per 1,000 population which is 1.0 per 1,000 less than last year and fractionally below the national average of 11.6 for 1971.

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Infectious Diseases. The incidence of notifiable disease rose considerably during the year. This was due in the main to an outbreak of measles which occurred during the first and second quarters of the year and also to a continuation of the outbreak of infective jaundice which was already gaining momentum during the latter part of 1970. Children and young adults seem to continue to be the groups hardest hit. By the end of the year the number of cases arising in the town seemed to be diminishing so that the end of this outbreak may be in sight.

Social Conditions

Hospital Facilities. We were gratified to learn in a letter from the Chairman of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board in December that planning of the new Huntingdon Hospital is in an advanced stage and that the Hospital Board has submitted an outline planning proposal to the Department of Health and Social Security, giving a provisional assessment of the complete Huntingdon Hospital. It is envisaged that the new hospital will house a total bed compliment of around 500 beds allocated roughly as follows:-

General Acute	250
Obstetric	60
Geriatric	150
Psychiatric Acute	<u>50</u>
	510

It appears that the proposal for phase one of the new hospital will include a geriatric ward unit of at least 100 beds plus a geriatric day hospital.

The Regional Hospital Board hope that a start will be made on the construction of phase one during 1973 and that subject to finance, it appears that there is no reason why construction of the complete hospital should not be carried out between 1975 and 1980.

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It is hoped that the appropriate Government Department will make the necessary finance available.

In conclusion I should like to thank Mr. Ostler and all members of the Department's staff for the support they have given me and for all the work they have done throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES CALDWELL.

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D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:

R.A. Ostler, M.A.P.H.I., Dip.R.I.P.H.&.H.

Assistant Public Health Inspector:

P.F. Theasby, Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.
(from 12/7/71 to 30/11/71
only)

Meat Inspector Assistant (Authorised)

D.R. Hill (Cert. of Meat Inspection R.S.H.)

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Public Health Inspector:

R.A. Gellier, M.A.P.H.I., Dip.H.I.P.H.S.H.

Assistant Public Health Inspector:

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SOCIAL STATISTICS

Total Area 2,722 acres

St. Neots	996 acres
Eynesbury	385 acres
Eaton Socon	1,331 acres

Estimated Population

Mid 1970 (Registrar-General)	14,630
1971 Census (April)	15,180

Rateable Value

As at 1st April, 1971	£645,536
Product of a Penny Rate	£2,450

No. of inhabited houses

4800

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Vital Statistics for the year 1971

Estimated mid year population 15,280

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	153	167	320
Illegitimate	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>
Totals	<u>160</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>335</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 21.9
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (.78)..... 17.1
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)..... 16.0

Stillbirths

Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths..... 23
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths (England
and Wales) 12

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>119</u>
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Death rate per 1,000 estimated population 7.8
Death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.45)..... 11.3
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (England and
Wales).... 11.6

Vital Statistics for the year 1971 (cont'd)

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000
live births)..... 12

Infant Mortality rate (England & Wales)..... 18

Table classifying deaths under age groups

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 4 weeks	1	1	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	1	1	2
1 year and under 4 years	2	-	2
5 and under 14 years	-	-	-
15 and under 24 years	1	-	1
25 and under 34 years	2	1	3
35 and under 44 years	3	1	4
45 and under 54 years	4	1	5
55 and under 64 years	9	4	13
65 and under 74 years	32	10	42
75 years and over	<u>14</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>45</u>
Totals	<u>69</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>119</u>

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The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the District over the past 5 years.

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Population	11,900	13,000	13,710	14,630	15,280
<u>Births</u>					
Total Live Births	255	246	274	283	335
Crude Birth Rate	21.4	18.9	20.0	19.3	21.9
Area comparability factor	.82	.79	.80	.78	.78
Corrected birth rate	17.6	14.9	16.0	15.1	17.1
Birth rate (England & Wales)	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0
<u>Deaths</u>					
Total Deaths	103	116	115	124	119
Crude Death rate	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.5	7.8
Area comparability factor	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.45	1.45
Corrected death rate	12.4	12.5	11.8	12.3	11.3
Death rate (England & Wales)	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6

Notifications of Infectious Disease during 1971.

	<u>Total cases notified</u>
Scarlet Fever	-
Whooping cough	68
Diphtheria	-
Measles	199
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Infective Jaundice	108
Food Poisoning	1
Dysentery	5
Acute Meningitis	-
Tuberculosis	1
Total	<u>382</u>

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CAUSES OF DEATHS

(Registrar General's List)

<u>List No.</u>	<u>Causes</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B4	Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	-
B14	Measles	1	-
B18	Other Infective and Parasitic diseases	1	-
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	3
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung. Bronchus	6	2
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
B19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	4
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	-	1
B23	Anaemias	-	1
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	-
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	10
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	-	1
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	6	6
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	1
B32	Pneumonia	10	1
B33 (1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	-
B33(2)	Asthma	1	-
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2
B34	Peptic Ulcer	2	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	2
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies	1	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	1	-
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1
BE48	All Other Accidents	4	8
Total All Causes		<u>69</u>	<u>50</u>

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TUBERCULOSIS

Total number of persons on Register at 31st December, 1971.....34

Pulmonary 31

Non-Pulmonary 3

New cases - Diagnosed

New Cases - Transfers

<u>Age</u> <u>Periods</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
65 and upwards	1	-						
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	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis.

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities

The following facilities have been available to this Authority and to General Practitioners in the area:-

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.
(Tel: Cambridge 55526)

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.) Tenison Rd.,
(Tel: Cambridge 2097)

(b) Ambulance Service

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctor's orders. (Tel: Huntingdon 53348).

(c) Home Nursing

Nurse/Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council carried out home nursing and attended maternity cases in the District.

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

(1) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When Held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Infant Welfare	Children (0-5 years)	Thursday 2 - 4 pm	Child Health Centre, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
Dental	pre-school and school children.	By appointment	Child Health Centre, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
	Pre-natal and nursing mothers	By appointment	Child Health Centre, Almond Rd., St. Neots

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres (cont'd)

(II) The following Health Services were provided by the Regional Hospital Board:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When Held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday 9.30 - 12.30 pm 2 - 3 pm.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Disease	All cases	Thursday from 2 - 6 pm.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
	Males	Monday from 5pm Wed. from 5.30 pm) Clinic 5) Outpatients Dept.) Peterborough) Memorial Hospital,) Peterborough.
	Females	Tuesday from 10.30 am.	
		Thursday from 2 pm	

(III) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When Held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Ophthalmic	pre-school and school children	By Appointment	Child Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patients Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

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(e) Hospital Services

Fever Cases of Infectious Disease requiring Hospital treatment were admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon and to Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

(f) Family Planning Clinics

Huntingdon Held at Child Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon. Every Wednesday 7 p.m. to 8.30 pm. (To make an appointment call at Clinic or telephone Huntingdon 53398 after 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings ONLY).

St. Ives • Held at the Child Health Centre, Ramsey Road, St. Ives, Every Monday 9.30 a.m. to 11.a.m. (To make an appointment call at Clinic or telephone St. Ives 62622 during sessions ONLY).

St. Neots Held at Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots. Tuesday evenings 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (To make an appointment telephone Huntingdon 72261 during session times ONLY).

The Chairman and Members of the St. Neots Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to include my report for the year 1971.

When the appointment of an assistant was at last made during the year it was anticipated that statutory duties could at last receive sufficient attention, and that this report would incorporate a spectrum of activities more befitting the needs of environmental control in a growing town. By misfortune this appointment was tragically curtailed.

Regret may however be tempered with some confidence for the future. It had become clear that Local Government Districts of this size are too small to be equipped with the means of dealing adequately with community and environmental problems. In the enlarged districts of the new counties, the newly-published Bains report proposes a management structure with a new balance of functions in which housing, environmental protection, and leisure and recreation provide perhaps the main purposes of the authorities.

In sharp contrast to the lot of many other technical officers in Local Government, who are facing considerable division of duties and a much reduced role in district council work, the public health inspector may count himself particularly fortunate in that substantially all his traditional functions are being retained at district council level. His proposed release from the historic partnership with the Medical Officer of Health, combined with the effect of an increasing flow of university graduates into his profession, should secure him new recognition and the challenge to adapt himself to widened opportunities of community service.

I look forward to sharing these opportunities in a revitalised partnership with newly-elected members.

R.A. OSTLER
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

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INSPECTOR.

LICENCES AND REGISTRATION

Caravan Site etc. Act, 1960

There are no private caravan sites under licence.

A Council site containing fifty caravans and complying with Model Standards is maintained at Eynesbury.

Slaughterhouse Act, 1958.

Private abattoir	1
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Slaughter of Animals Act

Slaughterman's licences (renewal)	8
" " (new)	1

Game Act 1931

Game dealers	3
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Pet Animals Act 1951

Pet Shops	3
Tropical fish breeder	1

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Registrations for storage and sale of icecream and manufacture of preserved foods etc. to date	49
Registration of milk distributors, to date	8

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

No. registered	2
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Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936	36
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Storage of carbide or calcium	Nil
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The introduction of annual inspection by an electrical contractor as a condition of petroleum licensing resulted in extensive repairs being performed. Electrical faults were found at three-quarters of the licensed premises, and six were completely re-wired.

Water Supply

This is derived from a mixture of water from the Gt. Ouse and from gravel, and filtered, partly softened and chlorinated at a treatment works near the Brampton source on the River Gt.Ouse. Extensions and alterations to the treatment works were in progress during the year.

The supply has been satisfactory in quantity, and chemical and bacteriological examinations made by the Board have shown generally good results. Bacteriological samples taken by myself from domestic supplies in the town have all been satisfactory, despite complaints of harmless, if inconvenient discolouration due to mains deposits.

Water contamination

A highly unpleasant taint reminiscent of celluloid affected the supply on two occasions in April and June and caused wide-spread complaint. Samples confirmed the harmlessness of the pollutant, the presence of which could only be detected by very sophisticated means of analysis made available by the Huntingdon Research Centre. No fish mortality occurred in the river.

The origin of both incidents is believed to be from unofficial tipping of plastic waste near the River Kym which flows into the Ouse about 5 miles upstream from the Brampton intake.

A working party was set up to improve action and notification in event of future emergency. It was considered that a main link should be provided with the reservoir at Grafham which would give an alternative supply in case of serious pollution. Our Council wrote to the Department of Environment stressing the urgency of this scheme and supporting the Water Board's application for loan sanction.

INFORMAL SAMPLING

The following samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory in Cambridge.

<u>Icecream</u>	<u>Soft Icecream (Mobiles)</u>	<u>Other Icecream</u>
Grade I (Satisfactory)	3	5
Grade II (Satisfactory)	-	1
Grade III (Unsatisfactory)	-	-
Grade IV (Unsatisfactory)	-	-

Milk

No raw unpasteurised milk is sold within the district. As standards of pasteurisation have been consistently good in the past, only one sample, which was satisfactory, was taken this year,

WATER

A total of 29 samples were taken for bacteriological examination as follows:-

From Main supplies

From Bedfordshire supply - 4 (all satisfactory)
From Nene and Ouse supply - 10 (one with a non-faecal coli count of 2 only, all others satisfactory)

Swimming Pools

1. St. Neots Swimming Pool - 3 (all quite satisfactory)
2. School Learner pools (4) Twelve samples were taken. Generally samples were satisfactory. In one case 2 coliform organisms (non faecal) and in four other cases platecounts varying up to 21 were reported. All were found free of all counts on re-sampling.

MEAT INSPECTION

At the only abattoir in the district, one hundred per cent inspection was maintained by a full-time inspector, who was in attendance during almost the entire period of slaughtering hours.

It was not found necessary to evoke the power to fix times of slaughtering under the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

Owing to raised hygienic demands of the E.E.C., the abattoir lost its export status during the year and this has been one of the influences reflected in a reduction in throughput. A scheme of improvement to meet the new demands was under consideration at the end of the year, and the recession is expected to be only temporary.

The following table shows the number of animals killed and inspected during 1971, the comparative figures for 1970 being shown in brackets.

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
697	4	17	12,808	27,313	40,839
(732)	(6)	(20)	(31,653)	(25,210)	(57,621)

Animals affected by disease or injury and condemnations

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	7	6	174
Part or organ condemned	68	-	-	1,011	2,302
Percentage affected	9.9%	25%	41%	7.9%	9%

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part of organ condemned	-	-	-	-	23
Percentage affected	-	-	-	-	0.06%

Cysticerci

Part or organ condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases sent for refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-

The low incidence of cysticerci may be explained by the fact that the cattle slaughtered were mainly barley-fed.

Poultry Inspection

There are at present no poultry processing establishments in the district, and inspection is limited to regular examination of poultry exposed for sale at the market and shops.

REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION

The following are the reasons for the seizure of whole carcasses shown in the table above:

<u>Cattle</u>	Septic pneumonia, pyaemia	2
<u>Calves</u>	Immaturity, joint ill, septic pneumonia	7
<u>Sheep</u>	Gangrenous wounds	1
	Oedema and emaciation	3
	Septic metritis	2
<u>Pigs</u>	Swine erysipelas	2
	Septic and generalised arthritis	27
	Septic pneumonia, pleurisy or peritonitis	40
	Pyaemia and septicaemia	25
	Oedema with emaciation	38
	Kidney infections and uraemia	3
	Multiple abscesses	18
	Septic metritis	2
	Gangrene	7
	Jaundice	4
	Other conditions	8

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwt</u>	<u>lbs</u>
Meat seized at abattoir			
(i) Carcase meat	10	19	38
(ii) Offal	5	15	2
Meat at retail shops		2	1
Cooked meat and meat products		7	14
Canned meats			84
Canned foods other than meat		2	96
Other foods			90
	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>101</u>

A further 1 cwt of miscellaneous items of frozen foods were accepted for surrender owing to refrigeration failure.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

A successful prosecution was taken against a local supermarket in respect of the sale of a cartoned milk product (fresh cream dessert) in mouldy condition. On inspection of similar products displayed for sale, more than four-fifths were found to have exceeded the date recommended for expiry by the manufacturers, and three of these, more than a month overdate, were mouldy. A fine of £40 was imposed.

A further proposed prosecution against the same retailing firm was not proceeded with owing to a technical difficulty, but the reason for complaint - sale of deteriorated cheese from a grossly over-heated storage room - received newspaper publicity and was satisfactorily remedied.

Other complaints of the sale of unsatisfactory food included a screw imbedded in a loaf, and a mouse dropping in a sausage roll. In view of extenuating circumstances in both cases, action taken was limited to warnings.

The incidence of the sale of stale or mouldy foods, frequently associated with coding systems which are either incomprehensible or indecipherable, and poor stock rotation, continues to cause concern. The Council responded to an invitation of the Food Standards Committee to submit evidence as an interested party, and strongly advocated the national adoption of a system of open date marking for all perishable food.

FOOD PREMISES IN DISTRICT

Miscellaneous food shops	34
Licensed premises	34
Works and school canteens	14
Cafes/restaurants	8
Hotels	7
Butchers	8
Greengrocers	5
Confectioners	5
Cakeshops	4
Manufacturing premises	4
Dairies	2
Fried Fish shops	2
Fish and Chip mobile depot	1
Bakehouses	2
Cold stores	1
Fresh fish shops	2

FACTORIES ACT 1961

	No. on register	Inspections	Notices	Prosecutions
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(i) Factories in which Sec. 1 - 5 and 6 are enforced by this Authority.	-	-	-	-
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(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by this Authority	63	9	2	-
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(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by this Authority	4	-	1	-
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! Cases in which defects were found
N (insufficiency of sanitary
! conveniences - Sec. 7)

OUTWORKERS

The number of outworkers reported as employed within the district during the year was as follows:

Assembly and painting of plastic toys	- 78
Leather work and glove manufacture	- <u>10</u>
	88

No instances were found of work in unwholesome premises.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES
ACT, 1963

A. Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during year	No. of premises registered at end of year	No. of premises receiving general inspection during the year.
Offices	3	48	3
Retail shops	1	77	18
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	5	-
Catering establish- ments, canteens	-	16	5
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
		147	26

Total number of visits of all kinds made 50

The total number of persons employed in these premises
was 943

(386 males and 557 females)

B. Analysis of Contraventions

<u>Section</u>	<u>No.of contraventions found</u>
4	Cleanliness 2
6	Temperature 5
7	Ventilation 1
16	Floors, passages & stairs 1
17	Fencing of machinery 1
24	First Aid 3
-	Other matters 1

C. Exemptions

No exemptions are now current and no new application was received during the year.

D. Prosecutions

None were instituted during the year.

E. Accidents

Four accidents were reported during the year. Three were of cuts accidentally sustained, and the other a sprain due to lifting. None involved any negligence or omission on the part of the employer.

HOUSING

A. Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

(1) Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act 1957

No. of Notices served -	<u>Informal</u>	3
	<u>Formal</u>	Nil

(2) Public Health Acts

No. of Notices served -	11	<u>Informal</u>	8
		<u>Formal</u>	5

No. of Houses repaired after service of	
Notices	6

B. Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957

1. Notices of Time and Place served	
(Section 16)	4
2. Undertakings accepted (Section 16)	2
3. Undertakings cancelled	1
4. Closing Orders made (Section 17)	2
5. Demolition Order made (Section 17)	Nil
6. Closing Orders made (Section 18)	Nil
7. Closing Orders determined	Nil

A successful prosecution was taken for breach of a Closing Order.

C. Clearance Areas

No clearance areas were declared or confirmed during the year.

D. Improvement Grants - Housing Act 1969

Standard Grants

1. No. of applications received	17
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D. Improvements Grants (cont'd)

Standard Grants (cont'd)

2. No. of applications approved:

(a) Owner occupiers		
(i) normal limit	5	
(ii) higher limit	3	
(b) tenanted houses		
(i) normal limit	4	
(ii) higher limit	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>

3. No. of dwellings improved for
 which grant was paid 10

4. Total amount paid in grants £1,377.50

(2) Discretionary Grants

1. No. of applications received	6	
2. Applications approved		
(a) owner-occupiers	3	
(b) tenanted houses	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
3. No. of dwellings after completion for which grant was paid		7
4. Total amount paid in grants	£2,086.	

(3) Special Grants

No applications were made or approved.

E. Housing Acts 1964 and 1969

1. Improvement Areas

No improvement areas have been declared to date. It is considered that the nature of the district offers limited scope for this procedure.

2. Improvement of dwellings not in improvement areas

No applications have been received from tenants this year.

3. Rent of houses in good repair and provided with standard amenities

(i) Qualifications certificates

Applications received	-	2
" granted	-	2

(2) Certificates of provisional approval

Applications received	-	4
" granted	-	4

RODENT CONTROL

A private firm, Messrs. South Beds Pest Control, provide a service on contract for control of vermin and insects in domestic premises, and for baiting of sewers and Council properties. No service is now offered to business premises.

(Corresponding figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

<u>Number of properties in district</u>	6040
Total No. of properties inspected on complaint	164 (163)
No. infested by (a) rats	94 (118)
(b) mice	64 (65)
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Properties inspected in connection with above	178 (173)
No. infested by (a) rats	19 (34)
(b) mice	20 (15)
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Sewer manholes baited	106 (14)
No. found infested	Nil (nil)
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No. of insect infestations treated	51 (97)
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The increase in infestation by mice reported last year has been sustained, and is clearly attributable to new building in which the principles of rodent proofing have not been observed by either designers or contractors. The imposition of a charge for destruction of wasps, despite their prevalence this year, has brought a welcome reduction in calls to destroy nests.

